



**EXHIBIT B: CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED PARAGRAPHS IN THE
SPECIFICATION**

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On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application claims priority to" with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/144,382, filed on July 16, 1999 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/154,563, filed on September 17, 1999, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning "The field of this invention relates to the field" with the following paragraph:

The field of this invention relates to the field of detecting and reporting polynucleotide sequences, including genomic sequences, genomic transcript sequences (*e.g.*, mRNAs from cells and/or cDNA sequences derived therefrom) copy numbers and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), by nucleic acid hybridization, *e.g.*, on nucleic acid microarrays. In particular, the invention relates to methods for identifying and/or selecting polynucleotide sequences, particularly oligonucleotide sequences, which may be used as hybridization probes (*e.g.*, on nucleic acid microarrays) that are both sensitive and specific to particular target polynucleotide sequences of interest.